

# SUMMER VILLAGE OF MEWATHA BEACH

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## 2014 Spring Newsletter

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#### Annual General Meeting

The summer village will be having its annual general meeting on July 26, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the **Boyle Arena**. All residents are encouraged to attend.

#### Fires

We urge everyone to keep a close eye on any campfires over the summer and watch for signs about fire bans in the area. You can also check the website for announcements. Also, please be careful of camp fires and ATV sparks as these can easily become hazardous. **It may be a good idea to check your insurance to make sure you are covered for any fire damage caused by your camp fire.**

#### Maintenance Work

We have contracted a new company from Lac La Biche to do our grass cutting and some maintenance work for the summer. Say hello to Ron and Karen Jamieson if you see him around the village.

#### Culverts

Please check and clear any of your culverts that may be hampering proper drainage.

#### Pumphouse Gate

The gate on the pumphouse lot will be open for a couple of weeks starting on the May long weekend for anyone who would like to access their boats, lifts and docks. After that you will need to call the number on the gate for access.

#### Web Site

Please visit the summer village website at [mymewathabeach.com](http://mymewathabeach.com). If you do not have access to the internet and there is something that you require like a bylaw, newsletter, permits etc. please contact administration and we would be happy to send a copy.

#### Buoys

We are hoping to have the buoys in the water by the long weekend in May but that will depend on when we can get someone to do the job.

#### Roads

We will be experimenting this summer with some speed bumps in order to control the speed of the traffic, particularly through Mewatha Drive. This is an experiment and no permanent decision has been made.

#### Sewage bylaw

A final sewage inspection is slated for this spring and anyone who has not complied with the new regulations will be subject to fines as outlined in the bylaw.

#### Tree Cutting

Just a reminder that residents are not allowed to cut trees on municipal property. Also, please do not cut any more trees on your own property than is necessary. We will be doing some tree removal this spring and summer as there was a lot of tree damage during some big wind storms in the winter months. If you wish to pick up some of the fallen debris for firewood, please do so.

#### Shoreline Alterations

Please note that a fine of \$20,000 has been issued by Alberta Environment to an Alberta man for altering the shoreline in front of his property without permission. Remember, the shoreline does not belong to you and you cannot alter it.

**Boyle Landfill Events** [www.athabascaregionalwaste.com](http://www.athabascaregionalwaste.com)  
**Household Hazardous Waste Roundup** all year round.

**Fire Smart Program** – week of May 17 - May 26. Will take wood debris, dead grass, leaves and small wooden construction debris free of charge during normal operating hours.

#### Property Tax Notices

You should notice very little change in your tax bill from the previous year. Some of our requisitions were up a bit and some down, so overall there won't be much change unless your assessment changed.

***THE COUNCIL WISHES RESIDENTS A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER AT THE LAKE. Please be respectful of your neighbors, keep your pets on a leash or in an enclosed space, clean up after them and do not let them disturb others. Remember that this is your summer village and you want your neighbors to be your friends. Keep all noise and mess to a minimum.***

Administration contact numbers are at the top of the page. If you have an emergency (including dog related emergencies) you may contact the local RCMP at 911 or 780-689-3622. If the emergency is fire related please contact the Boyle fire department at 911 or 780-689-3611.